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<u>Sedgwick County Commission Approves</u> <u>Grant to Regional Forensic Science Center</u>

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – During their meeting of January 30, 2002, Sedgwick County Commissioners approved a \$40,000 grant from the Midwest Transplant Network that will provide a photography technician to assist in the organ donation process. Photography is a key component to the documentation process required when an organ donation takes place.

"We are pleased that the Sedgwick County Regional Forensic Science Center will have this chance to increase organ donation opportunities in the area," said Sedgwick County Commission Chairman Ben Sciortino. "Organ donation is a life-saving function for many people, and we are proud that our Forensic Science Center can play a key role in facilitating organ donations."

The Midwest Transplant Network serves the state of Kansas and much of Missouri. It facilitates the donation of organs such as the heart, lungs, kidneys, liver and pancreas, in addition to tissues like bone and skin.

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